

Remarks:

This amendment is responsive to the Office Action mailed November 29, 2007, wherein claims 1-36 are allowed; claim 37 was rejected under 35 USC §102(a) as being anticipated by Eckels (US 6,029,458); and claims 38-46 were objected to as being dependent on a rejected base claim but would be allowed if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Claims 1-36 and 38-46 remain pending in this application. No new matter has been added. Reconsideration in light of the following remarks is respectfully requested.

In this amendment claim 37 was cancelled. Claim 38 was amended and rewritten in independent form. Applicants believe that independent claim 38 is in condition for allowance. Claims 39-46 depend directly or indirectly from claim 38. Applicants believe that claims 39-46 are in condition for allowance as they depend from an allowable base claim.

In view of reasons set out above, Applicants respectfully submit that the application is in condition for allowance and request the Examiners objection be withdrawn. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of the application are respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further is needed to place the application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned representative at the telephone number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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